

**MINUTES OF THE DISCIPLES CHRISTIAN CHURCH
CABINET, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015**

Lynne Shaw, vice president, opened the meeting at 7pm with prayer. Members present were Cindy Bennett, Roger Alexander, Kevin Bjornen, Kay Bjornen, Adele Moore, Gary Buttman, Mary Helen Buttman, Edward Smith, Pat Brown, Lynne Shaw, and Jenith Mashek. Gary Buttman, treasurer, handed out a treasurer's report. There is \$33,415 in checking and \$29,442 in savings. That does not include giving from recent Sundays. Bills are paid with the exception of Kelly Banks who mows the church lawn. Edward Smith will contact him for a bill.

Lynne has contacted the Boy Scout troupe leader about the building not being available to them the week of Oct. 4 to 10 because Family Promise will be using it then.

Kay gave a report on the Family Promise program. The training for church members will be Sunday, Sept. 27, at 12:30pm. There has been excellent response on donations. We can go to Mary Martha to get anything needed to fill in. No one has volunteered to spend the night and that is very much needed. Kay will put together a tentative schedule before Sunday.

Lynne asked what we need to do to plan for Scott Taylor's arrival November 1. Cindy volunteered the fellowship commission to plan a welcome pot luck after church on his first Sunday. The search committee will be meeting with him prior to his arrival and will ask what he needs. The search committee will also serve as Scott's pastoral relations committee.

Roger reported for Outreach that the tamales were made in our church kitchen today and will be done again tomorrow, an outreach program for aiding Casa Hispana in fund raising. Outreach is periodically featuring a video during the worship service of one of our members telling about their outreach in the community. He is hopeful that we can get another mission trip to Nicaragua planned for next year.

Kay reported for Education that beginning Nov. 1 the youth will start meeting on Sunday nights. Kari Anne Grant has agreed to take over the youth program temporarily while Leah Conklin is on maternity leave. Remuneration for Leah and/or Kari Anne has not been decided. Hopefully Scott will be able to give some leadership also. That means the Sunday morning program will not be held during that time.

Adele is contacting both active and inactive elders to get reservations for the Elder's Retreat. The retreat will be held at Phillips Theological Seminary on Oct. 17.

Lynne asked for some brainstorming from the group about changes they would like to see considered at DCC. The ideas suggested were:

1. Combine the Board and Cabinet meetings and have a set time for it
2. Review the need and sponsor a Boy Scout troupe
3. Plan programs to involve young families

4. Begin some new music programs – bells and chimes
5. Take to heart Jerry Deffenbaugh’s “Blowing Smoke” message on Sunday, three things to consider when calling a new minister: ask for three game plans for our church to appeal to others; how they will deal with conflict; why they are leaving their present position
6. Give some new life to the Green Team program
7. Plan some programs such as Love and Logic or Messy Worship, to involve families
8. Consider again some of the “Visioning Statements” program that we worked on last year
9. Find out how to give electronically to the church
10. Have an all church retreat
11. Plan and promote another mission trip to Nicaragua
12. Raise new leaders
13. Involve youth more in the life of the church
14. Consider our need to be known for something that makes us unique and keeps us growing
15. Designate a specific person who will be responsible for publicity
16. Need a training session for new officers
17. Try to lessen burnout

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenith Mashek, recording secretary